

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

1625/00023

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## JOINT ARRANGEMENT

the specification of which: (check one)

[ ] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed on 8 April 1998 as PCT International Application Number PCT/FI98/00507 and was amended on 19 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a)

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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(Application No.)

Finland

(Country)

16 April 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

[X] [ ]

Yes No

(Application No.)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

[ ] [ ]

Yes No

(Application No.)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

[ ] [ ]

Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.

Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application

(U.S. Application Serial No.)

(U.S. Filing Date)

(Status—patented, pending, abandoned)

(U.S. Application Serial No.)

(U.S. Filing Date)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the use of false information are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the patentability of the invention or any patent issued thereon

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For: JOINT ARRANGEMENT

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR § 1.9(f) AND § 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC §221(a) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled JOINT ARRANGEMENT described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith  
☐ U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ No such person, concern or organization  
☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

FULL NAME VARIFORM OY  
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☐ Individual ☒ Small Business ☐ Non-Profit

\*NOTE: Separate Verified Statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR § 1.27).


I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the Issue Fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR § 1.28(b)).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Verified Statement is directed.

Jarkko Valtanen

NAME OF INVENTOR

  
Signature  
of Inventor

Helsinki, 27th of September 1999

Date

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR § 1.9(f) AND § 1.27(b)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ The owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ An official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN VARIFORM OY  
ADDRESS OF CONCERN Matalasalmenuja 1, FIN-00150, Helsinki, FINLAND

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR § 121.8-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC § 41(a) and (b), in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement: (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that the rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled JOINT ARRANGEMENT by inventor(s) Jarkko Valtanen described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith  
☐ U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c), if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDRESS

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